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Ex parte DEXTER A. BURLEIGH, DOMINIQUE BERTA,
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Application No. 09/724,606
Technology Center 2100

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Before KRISTA ZELE, *Deputy Chief Appeals Administrator*,
ZELE, *Deputy Chief Appeals Administrator*.

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on Aug. 14, 2008. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

EXAMINER'S CONSIDERATION OF REPLY BRIEF

A Reply Brief was filed in this application on Oct. 9, 2007. There is no evidence on the record indicating that the Examiner has considered the Reply Brief in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.43(a)(1) and MPEP § 1208, part II.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner;

- 1) consider the Reply Brief filed Oct. 9, 2007, as indicated above; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate

If there are any questions pertaining to this order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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